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Dear Vince:

As you know, I believe that the National Intelligence structure should try wherever possible to assist field commanders in meeting their broader intelligence needs. Indeed, one reason we commissioned the recent Korean NIAM cited in your letter was to provide the Consultative Conference -- for the first time -- an interagency assessment of the opposing Korean forces. In this regard, I share General Tighe's concern about developments in South Korea. The questions he raises are good ones (as Jean's questions always are) and they will be addressed in the general estimate on South Korea which we have in mind tentatively for early 1975.

For the immediate purpose of the conference, however, I believe it would be both useful and expeditious to think in terms of an interagency memorandum which addressed the question of paramount concern among Korea watchers -- that of short term prospects for the Pak government. This memorandum would include an analysis of the political forces at work in the ROK, the courses of action the Pak government may adopt and the probable consequences. To the extent necessary, this analysis would also include some discussion of the economy, the relationship with the North,

Such a paper, together with the NIAM, would provide a solid foundation on which to construct a later estimate

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to consider the more complex questions of US/ROK relations as they will be affected by current negotiations and developments.

If the project as outlined above seems to fit usefully with plans for the Consultative Committee meeting, we will be happy to call together members of the Community to prepare a paper to be ready sometime in mid-August.

Sincerely yours,

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